

**Submitted by Kenneth J. Swanson, Administrator
Idaho State Historical Museum and sites
Quarterly Report for October to December 2004**

OVERVIEW

The museum continues to work on a number of projects for exhibits and in the collections area. Plans were being finalized for the Lewis and Clark exhibition at the museum to open in May 2005. We continue to work with the Cultural Network to bring NPS Lewis and Clark COREII to Julia Davis Park in 2006. Worked with Todd Shalat and Errol Jones, BSU History Dept., on artifact photos and information for Idaho Yesterdays articles. Ken meet with the Governor in October, November, and December on some ideas for exhibits in the Governor's office. The museum has one new volunteer, Jan Duffy, recently moved to Boise but has twenty years museum experience. Jason Gray completed his museum/BSU internship and graduated in Dec. He is currently working part-time in the collections.

Museum visitation:

Oct. 2003		Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
students	212	160	114
adult	609	515	341
group	1508	996	145
Oct. 2004			
student	252	112	170
adult	551	516	369
group	705	927	159

PERSONNEL

No change.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

We had ten donations in the past quarter.

TRAVEL

In State:

Kurt Zwolfer traveled to Eagle and Meridian in October to teach educational programs.

Milan traveled to Franklin, Pocatello, Shoshone, and Rock Creek in conjunction with the grants that we have underway for Franklin and Rock Creek.

Ken spoke at Eagle High , Mt. View High, and Boise State History Dept.

Out of State:

Jody-Los Angeles, Western Museum Association programs planning meeting (WMA annual meeting in Boise Oct. 2006).

Kurt, Ken, Fred and Jody traveled in October to Tacoma, WA for the Western Museum Association (WMA) conference. Ken, Fred, and Jody were speakers at the conference. Ken was one of three panelists for a 8 hour session covering Disaster Planning and Emergency Preparedness. Jody was a panel member for the session on Museum and Festival Partnerships. Fred sat on the Exhibition Critique panel that looked at the Lewis and Clark exhibit that was at the Washington State Historical Museum.

Kurt Zwolfer traveled in December to Oregon for the Lewis and Clark teachers' workshop.

Exhibits and traveling trunks

The "On the Road with Lewis & Clark" grant will continue through 2005. The trunks have had a lukewarm schedule through December of 2004 but should heat up by the first of the New Year.

The new traveling exhibit of Nez Perz Parfleches (traveling trunks) has been well received by local schools and museums. The traveling trunk at the Lewiston's Art and History center will move to the Nez Perce Historical Center in Spalding sometime in January. A MOU was worked out with the National Park Service to coordinate the loans of the trunks to schools in north Idaho.

Brown Bag Lectures

The 2004-2005 brown bag lectures have begun.

Oct. 12 Dr. Paul Link – Idaho's Historical Geography: How Will It Control Your Future?

Nov. 9 Sandi McFarland –A Trail of Sadness, Courage and Remembrance – One Moment in Time: The Nez Perce Trail

Dec. 14 Dr. Charles Odahl – A History of Christmas Traditions

Events this quarter

October 7	Boise Art Museum-William Morris-Archaeology in Art
October 9	Idaho Genealogical society
October 11	NACEP Reception-NW Nazarene College
October 12	Brown Bag-Idaho's Historical Geography
October 14	Idaho Humanities-Prospector room
October 20	Washington Group International
October 28	NASDA II Regional Conference
November 9	Brown Bag-Trail of sadness
November 18	Univ. of Washington Medical Alumni meeting
November 20	Hell's Canyon Winery
December 7	Idaho Historic Preservation Council (IHPC)
December 9	Cornish College-Leslie Robertson
December 14	Brown Bag-A history of Christmas Traditions

Education

Museum Programs-Even with tight school budgets, the museum continued to see high visitation this fall. Forty-five education groups visited the facility this quarter with approximately 1,879 students. We also visited eleven schools reaching another 1503 students.

History Day-History Day planning is moving along as scheduled. Both Albertson College and the Museum have signed a memorandum of agreement and we are looking forward to the new partnership. There also is potentially good news for funding. The national office has informed the states that there is a possibility for federal funding in the future. We will attempt a grassroots letter writing campaign at our contests this year in order to garnish legislative support. We are still also trying to put together a History Day Board. With luck, we will have our first meeting in Feb.

Teacher Workshop-The museum participated in a Lewis and Clark teacher's workshop in Astoria, Oregon. This workshop, a partnership between the Historical Society, the state social studies department, and the Lewis and Clark Governor's Committee, brought 30 Idaho teachers to the Pacific Coast to visit historic Lewis and Clark sites. These visits, along with group projects and discussions should provide the teachers' with a wealth of information to bring back to their classrooms.

Volunteer Party-This year's volunteer party was a big success. Even though the caterer lost our order at the last moment, approximately 60 volunteers enjoyed an evening of food, music, and conversation at the historic Bishop's House.

Summer Camps-Planning for this year's summer camps is already under away. Just as last year, we are collaborating with the Zoo and the Art Museum to produce high quality camp programs.

Misc.-The education staff set up a table at the Boise Barnes and Noble Teacher's Day on October 23.

Personnel

Intern-Olivia Fink (History Day)

Historic Sites -

We are going through building safety views and by the middle of November; the construction contract was out for bid. Staff members will conduct an on site visit to Franklin in the fall and assist the volunteers with the labeling and artifact preservation techniques. A contract for insulation of HVAC system is in progress. Once this is accomplished, flooring insulation will be completed in both houses. Discussion of the Rock creek water rights, with Department of Water Recourses, is pending final adjudication. This will insure adequate flow of irrigation water in rock creek. In conjunction with the Ridge to Rivers coordinator, work was done on the trail system at the Old Pen to stop erosion impacts. Ken met with Ada County and Boise City attorneys over use of property on Table Rock.

Visitation:

This quarter 2,218 people visited the Old Idaho Penitentiary.

Education:

Twelve educational groups with a total of 511 students and chaperones visited the Old Idaho Penitentiary this quarter.

Interpretation:

This quarter sixty-three guided walks were offered and 377 visitors participated in these walks.

Staff:

No changes this quarter.

Volunteers:

This quarter seventeen volunteers donated 491.75 hours of their time to the Old Idaho Penitentiary.

The ISHS Volunteer Holiday Party took place on December 6. Approximately fifty volunteers and their spouses joined us for food and holiday music at the Bishops' House.